Veterinary Hospital (Aduthurai)

* 839 *Q.*—Sri T. R. RAMAMIRTHA THONDAMAN: கனம் உள்துறை அமைச்சர் தயவுசெய்து கிழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விகளுக்குப் பதிலளிப்பாரா—

(அ) ஆடுதுறையில் கால்நடை ஆஸ்பத்திரி கட்டுவது மூன்றாவது ஐந்தாண்டுத் திட்டத்தில் சேர்க்கப்பட்டதா?

(இ) இல்லையானால் **First Aid Centre** -ஐயாவது ஆரம்பிக்க உத்தேசம் உண்டா?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (அ) No, Sir.

(இ) There is already a Minor Veterinary Dispensary functioning at Aduthurai.

Arecanut cultivation (Kanyakumari)

* 840 *Q.*—Sri T. S. RAMASWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any scheme for improving the cultivation of arecanut in the Kanyakumari district;

(*b*) if so, the details thereof; and

(*c*) how far it has been carried out till now?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The Government have sanctioned the opening of an areca nut nursery in the Kanyakumari district to raise seedlings from selected high yielding trees located in the existing arecanut belts of Coimbatore district and to arrange for their distribution to serve the needs of the existing and prospective arecanut growers in the Kanyakumari district.

(*c*) The nursery has been established temporarily in Government lands in Shencottah taluk pending selection of a suitable site in the Kanyakumari district. The requirements of seedlings of the arecanut growers in the Kanyakumari district are now met by the arecanut nurseries in the Shencottah taluk and the Fruit Research Station at Kallar, Coimbatore district.

Sri T. S. RAMASWAMI: May I know whether a nursery will be started in the Kanyakumari district?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: The Department has been looking out for a suitable site in the Kanyakumari district. A site was proposed at the Fruit Research Station but then it was found that there were no adequate water facilities. Then another site was suggested at Thackalai but it was found that there was